Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) There is no inordinate delay generally. But instances are however not wanting where there is some delay and this is inevitable under the present stage of advancement of the Panchayats.

(b) Vide answer (a) above.

(c) Government are taking all possible steps to minimise delay ; but much of the remedy should come within the Panchayats themselves.

Scheme for the working of the Tramway.

399. **Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government had called for any scheme from the Tramway Engineer for working the Tramway on profitable lines;

(b) the amount of loss incurred by the Government on the Tramway for the last 6 years after giving credit to the Tramway charges for the transport of Government timber, at the rates at which private timber is transported ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) A statement giving the information is placed on the Council Table.

400. **Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government had called for any scheme from the Tramway Engineer for working the Tramway on profitable lines ;

(b) the amount of loss incurred by the Government on the Tramway for last 6 years after giving credit to the Tramway charges for the transport of Government timber at the rates at which private timber is transported ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) and (b). The Member is referred to the question No. 399.

Lease of the Tramway.

401. **Mr. C. Barton Wright.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether offers were received in 1103 from private agencies to lease the Tramway to them; and if so,

(b) on what terms and why they were not considered ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) and (b). Vide answers to sub-divisions (a) and (b) of question No. 197 of the Legislative Session of Kumbham 1103 ; and the answer to question No. 270 of the Legislative Session of Kumbham 1104.

402. **Mr. C. Barton Wright.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether they have any definite policy as regards the future working of the Tramway ?

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